Serial No. 09/600,393

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 10-13 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus claims 14-31 are now pending and under consideration.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings, specification title, and the abstract, all of which have been amended as set forth above. It is respectfully requested that the objections be withdrawn.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Response and Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted, STAAS & HALSEY LLP

Date: 2/20/04

John H. Stowe

Registration No. 32,863

1201 New York Ave, N.W., Suite 700

Washington, D.C. 20005 Telephone: (202) 434-1500 Facsimile: (202) 434-1501